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ICE AGENTS ARREST 25 CRIMINAL ALIENS IN NASSAU COUNTY

Child predators and sex offenders among the arrested

MINEOLA, NY – A Salvadorian illegal alien who raped an 11- year-old girl and a Honduran man who raped a 12-year -old girl were among the 25 criminal aliens arrested here today by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) agents as part of a cooperative enforcement action with the Nassau County Police Department and the Nassau County Department of Probation.

All of the aliens arrested today had prior felony or misdemeanor convictions in Nassau County for offenses including rape, sexual abuse, public lewdness, endangering the welfare of a child and robbery. Their criminal convictions render these individuals deportable.

“ICE is committed to restoring integrity to our nation’s immigration system by removing criminal aliens who have no legal right to remain in the country and who pose a threat to our community,” said Salvatore Dalessandro, deputy special agent-in-charge of the New York office. “The heinous criminals arrested today forfeited their privilege to remain in this country the moment they broke our laws. We have no tolerance for criminals who terrorize our community.”

Nassau County Police Commissioner James H. Lawrence said, “The spirit of cooperation among Federal and local law enforcement enhances our ability to succeed in making our communities safe. One of our highest priorities is the safety of our children, this effort attests to that commitment.”

In total, 25 individuals were arrested. They include:

- Wilfredo Torres - A Salvadorian man, who was in this country illegally, was convicted of Rape in the 1st Degree. He raped an 11-year-old girl.
- Guillermo Bonilla – A citizen of Honduras, who was in this country illegally, was convicted of Rape in the 1st Degree. He raped a 12 –year-old girl.
- Fabian Kennedy- A Jamaican national, who was in this country illegally, was convicted of Rape in the 3rd Degree. He raped a 14-year-old girl.

Following today's arrests, ICE agents transported the individuals to a detention facility in Pike County, PA. All of those apprehended have been placed into removal proceedings. Those with final orders of removal will be deported from the country shortly. The others will have their cases heard before an Immigration Judge.

Deputy Special Agent-in-Charge Dalessandro thanked the Nassau County Police Department, the Nassau County Department of Probation and the Nassau County District Attorney's Office for their participation in the enforcement action.

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U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement was established in March 2003 as the largest investigative arm of the Department of Homeland Security. ICE is comprised of five integrated divisions that form a 21st century law enforcement agency with broad responsibilities for a number of key homeland security priorities.